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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b> <b>(37 CFR 1.63)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing – Unsigned   OR <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge 37 CFR 1.16 (e) required)		Attorney Docket Number	3006-1772	
		First Named Inventor	Thomas A. Osborne, et al.	
		<i>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</i>		
		Application Number		
		Filing Date	September 16, 2005	
		Art Unit		
		Examiner Name		

**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe that the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**VASCULAR VALVE WITH REMOVABLE SUPPORT COMPONENT**

*(Title of the Invention)*

The specification of which  
☐ is attached hereto  
 OR  
☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 03/17/2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/US04/008176 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation in-part-applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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I hereby claim the benefit under U35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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60/455,241	03/17/2003	
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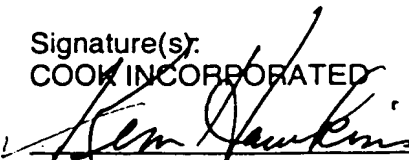
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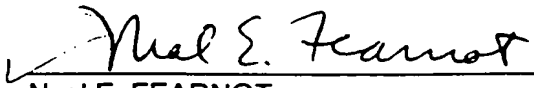
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